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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Box PCT Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 12.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.21, please substitute for claims 3, 5, 9, 10, 11, 13 and 14 the following rewritten version of the same claims, as amended and add the following new claims 17 through 18. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Marked-up Version of Amended Claims."

3. (Once Amended) A polypeptide according to claim 1 wherein said mutation is at least one deletion.